



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Rhodes & Aquatics Team Recognized with Employee Awards

Gaithersburg, MD – (September 21, 2021) At the Mayor and City Council meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021, Paralegal Wes Rhodes and the Aquatics Team were recognized with Employee Recognition Awards for the second quarter of calendar year 2021.

Made up of peers from each department, Gaithersburg's Employee Recognition Committee (ERC) reviews nominations for individuals and teams on a quarterly basis. These winners are then eligible for the annual Employee and Team of the Year Awards.

Wes Rhodes, Paralegal in the Office of the City Attorney, was named Employee of the Second Quarter for his consistent work in ensuring electronic approval of documents and contracts as well as updating contract templates and drafting contracts and amendments for all departments. Wes recently took the initiative to create new contract templates for Community Services grant awards, which greatly aided in the execution of contracts to help nonprofit agencies deliver important social services to the community. In his nomination, it was noted that he is quick to respond to requests for assistance, he receives many compliments for taking the extra step to help with contracts and the approval process, and he takes extra time to scrutinize all documents for accuracy.

The **Aquatics Team**, comprised of Kegan Kim, Lauren Hydorn and Mauro Beteta of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, was named the Team of the Second Quarter. The Team was nominated for its work in overseeing the renovation of the pump and filter room and maintaining the Aquatic Center while simultaneously volunteering to assist other Divisions where needed. The Team helped with senior meals, assisted Community Services with deliveries for the CARES Hub, and served as Zoom monitors for virtual Recreation classes. It was noted that the Aquatics Team continues to step up to the plate to maintain the Aquatic Center and assist the community overall.

For more information about the Employee Recognition Awards please contact the Office of the City Manager at 301-258-6310 or visit the City's website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

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